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1. AT MARCH 18 MEETING, POLADS SUBSTANTIALLY RE-
VISED IS DRAFT PAPER ON CBMS. IN ADDITION POLADS DE-
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CIDED THAT IS SHOULD PREPARE A SHORT PAPER ON CBMS, WHICH
WILL BE FOLDED INTO OVERALL REPORT TO MINISTERS
ON BELGRADE CSCE PREPARATIONS. REVISED DRAFT LONG PAPER
ON CBMS, AS WELL AS SHORT PAPER FOR INCLUSION IN REPORT
TO MINISTERS, WILL BE DISCUSSED AT APRIL 4
POLADS MEETING.

2. WE DREW FULLY ON REFTEL AND CHANGES PROPOSED
IN PARA 7 OF THAT MESSAGE WILL BE INCLUDED
IN NEW DRAFT OF LONG IS CBMS PAPER. NEW DRAFT WILL ALSO TAKE

NOT OF YUGOSLAV SUGGESTION
THAT MAJOR MANEUVER NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENT BE
MADE MORE PRECISE (PARA 6 REFTEL).

3. OTHER POLADS, LED BY UK, CANADIAN, BELGAIN,
TURKISH, AND ITALIAN REPS STRONGLY RESISTED, HOW-
EVER, US REP'S ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR OF NARROWING
POSSIBLE LIST OF ALLIED CBMS INITIATIVES AND
ESTABLISHING PRIORITIES AMONG THESE POSSIBILITIES.
WHILE RECOGNIZING THAT APPROACH PROPOSED BY THE US
WOULD BE NECESSARY IN DUE COURSE, THESE ALLIED REPS COUNTERED
THAT IT WAS PREMATURE NOW. THEY CONTENDED
THAT SUBSTANTIVE CBMS NEGOTIATIONS WOULD BEGIN NO
EARLIER THAN SEPTEMBER AT BELGRADE; TO START REFINING
ALLIED TACTICS SIX MONTHS IN ADVANCE, IN THEIR VIEW,
WOULD NOT BE PRODUCTIVE. THE JUDGMENT OF
THE LARGE MAJORITY OF POLADS WAS THAT SUCH WORK AT NATO
SHOULD BEGIN IN JUNE/JULY. WE RESPONDED BY NOTING THE NEED
FOR BALANCE AMONG THE NUMBER OF PROPOSALS TO BE ADVANCED
BY THE WEST IN ALL THREE BASKETS AT BELGRADE.
ALLIED REPS RECOGNIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE POINT
MADE BY THE US REGARDING THE NEED FOR CBM PRIORITIES
AT BELGRADE AND THIS CONCEPT WILL BE PROMINENTLY REFLECTED
IN THE INTRODUCTORY PART OF BOTH PAPERS ON CBMS.

4. AT POLADS MEETING, WE ALSO DREW ON PARA 1 OF
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STATE 058036 (DTG 160027Z MAR 77-NOTAL) REGARDING
HUNGARIAN/SOVIET EXERCISE IN EARLY FEBRUARY.

5. COMMENT: WE WILL CONTINUE TO LOBBY IN FAVOR OF
REFINEMENT OF LIST OF POSSIBLE WESTERN CBMS INITI-
ATIVES, BUT WOULD EXPECT--IN THE LIGHT OF MARCH 18
DISCUSSION--THAT THIS WILL BE A SLOW PROCESS. THERE
WAS NO DISCUSSION OF MOVEMENTS AT THIS MEETING.
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